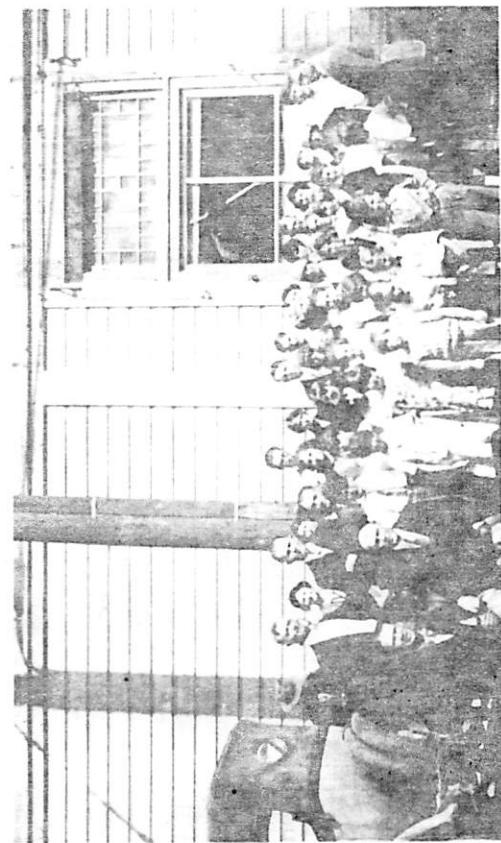


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Organizing the Heber Second Ward

Bishop Joseph A. Rasband chose as his counselors, James R. Moulton and Henry L. McMullen, with John M. Crook as ward clerk. When Henry McMullen was released in 1904, David A. Broadbent was sustained as a counselor.

For some years the Heber Second Ward had no regular meetinghouse, but obtained permission to hold their meetings in the "old Social Hall" on Main Street. This was almost straight across from the old Tithing Office. Many of the ward remember that they and their children often held their classes in the upper rooms of the Tithing Office building.



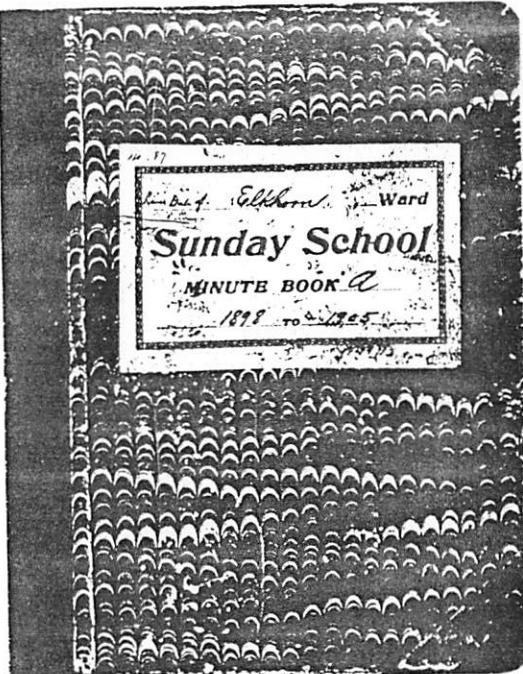
Elkhorn Sunday School, a branch of Heber Second Ward until the early twenties, located at the junction of the Hailstone area.

The small settlements north of Heber, which were annexed to the newly created Heber Second Ward, had been holding regular Sunday School classes for several years. One in particular was Riverdale, which belonged to the Elkhorn Ward. It was in the vicinity of the old Isaac Baum home today. The Elkhorn Ward, which was at the junction of the road leading to Kamas, Utah, was attended by operators of the Murdock Power Plant, Hailstone settlers, and all families north of the Heber City boundary.

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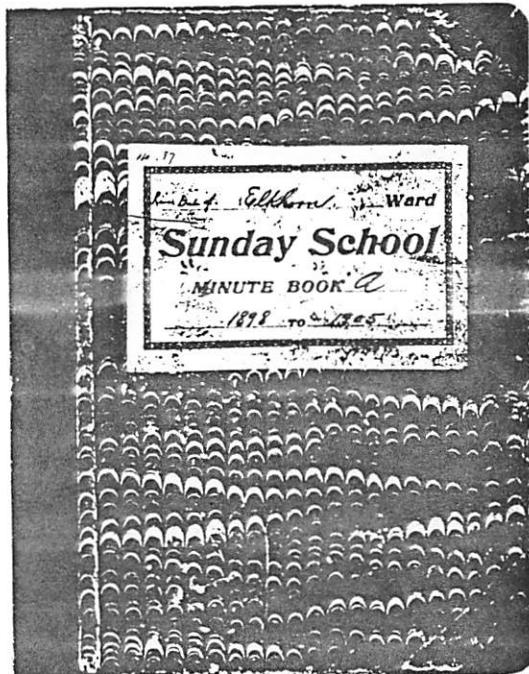
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